

Preparing for Third Grade!

1. We suggest your child reads at least 5 books that really interest them over the course of the summer. The list on the following pages is simply a suggested reading list. Please have your child read whatever is of interest to them. Let this guide the reading selections so that the reading experience is seen as pleasurable, not a hardship. When time allows, please discuss elements of the stories your child is reading such as (characters, setting, problem, solution). This will help to build reading comprehension skills, **WHICH ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT.**

2. Be prepared for a “Book Fair” within the first month of school that will allow you to present your favorite selection in a display that other students will be able to come and see. It will be a chance for you to “sell” your story to your audience.

3. Try to review addition and subtraction facts daily over the summer at your leisure. A trip to the market is a great opportunity to practice counting change, rounding and estimating money and reading a weight scale. These activities are wonderful opportunities for children to begin making math connections to the real world.

4. Work on following directions with more than two steps involved. For example, “Please take the clothes from the dryer, fold them and put them away upstairs.” This is an important skill for third grade learners.
5. Summer travels are wonderful opportunities for your child to explore the
6. Take time for daily prayer-AND HAVE A GREAT A VACATION!!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year together! Have a fantastic summer and we’ll be seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Teachers

Summer Reading List

For students entering the 3rd Grade

Recommendations and Suggestions

Fiction

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
The 39 Clues Books by Various Authors
Little House on the Prairie Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Goosebumps Books by R.L. Stine
Harry Potter Books by J.K. Rowling
Fudge Books by Judy Blume
Ramona Books by Beverly Cleary
A Series of Unfortunate Events Books by Lemony Snicket
Sophie the Awesome by Lara Bergen
Magic Pickle and the Garden of Evil by Scott Morse
The Fall of the Amazing Zalindas by Tracy Mack and Michael Citrin
Jody Moody by Meghan McDonald
Matt Christopher Series by Matt Christopher
Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
Tomie DePaolo Series by Tomie DePaolo
Babysitter's Club Series by Ann M. Martin
Amber Brown Series by Danziger

Mysteries

Jigsaw Jones Series by Preller
The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids by Dadey and Jones
Encyclopedia Brown Series by Sobol
Boxcar Children Series by Warner

Nonfiction

Winter's Tail, Knut and Owen and Mzee by Juliana, Isabella and
Craig Hatkoff
Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Martin
True Dog Stories by Davidson
True Horse Stories by Davidson
If You Lived. . . Series by Various Authors
Any book by Steve Jenkins
Any Book by Nic Bishop

Biographies

Who Was/Is? Series by Various Authors

David Adler Picture Book Biographies

On My Way by Tomie DePaola

26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie DePaolo

What's the Big Idea Ben Franklin? By Jean Fritz

Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope by Nikki Grimes

Honda: The Boy Who Dreamed of Cars by Mark Weston

Thank You Jackie Robinson by Cohen

Supply List

We would appreciate it if the following supplies could be brought to school the first week of classes. No trapper keepers or binders please. We do not have the room in the desks for these items. Please note that some of the items may need to be replaced throughout the year. Also, please put your child's name on everything they bring to school, especially lunch boxes and bags, sweaters and gym clothes. Thank you for your support.

- * 4 folders
- * 5 one-subject notebooks (spiral bound are more durable)
- * 1 ruler (with inches and centimeters)
- * 1 pair of scissors
- * 2 packages of index cards (standard size)
- * 1 pencil pouch or small pencil box
- * 2 packages of markers (1 for later in the year)
- * 1 package of crayons
- * 1 package of colored pencils
- * 1 dozen pencils
- * 1 large eraser
- * 2 packages of glue sticks
- * 1 box of Kleenex tissues
- * Clorox/Lysol Wipes (1 container)
- * baby wipes (2 packages)
- * 1 book to be kept in desk for reading